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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-06-008

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

Facility

Contour Engineering
Bowen Plant
317 Covered Bridge Road
Cartersville (Bartow County), Georgia

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Docket No.: Agreement State Licensee
License No.: 1398-1 (GA)

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT STATE REPORT OF WORKER FATALITY AND DAMAGED
MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE AT CONSTRUCTION SITE

On May 2, 2006, a representative from the State of Georgia informed the NRC Operations Center that a licensee employee had died as a result of injuries inflicted during an incident that also resulted in damage to a moisture density gauge. The incident occurred on April 26, 2006, at the Georgia Power Company's Bowen Plant, a coal-fired electric generating station, located in Cartersville, Georgia. The incident occurred when the licensee's employee was operating a moisture density gauge at the facility and a piece of heavy machinery backed over the individual and the gauge. The individual was taken to a hospital where he died a few hours after the incident. The cause of death was not due to radiation exposure from the source, and there were no known personnel exposures from the damaged gauge.

The gauge was severely damaged in the incident and the source could not be retracted. The licensee's Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) responded to the site and restricted access to the source. The source was stored at the facility and shielded with concrete cylinders. Leak tests were performed and determined that there was no potential contamination. The manufacturer (Troxler) was notified and is sending a container to ship the source back to the manufacturer's facility.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

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